



NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

on

Vital Statistics and Sanitary Condition

of the

New Forest Rural District

for the Year 1939

Submitted to the Rural District Council

by

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NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report
for 1939.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the sanitary condition of the New Forest Rural District for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

As suggested by the Ministry of Health, Circular 2067, this is an interim report, and only deals with essential and urgent matters.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in Acres)	94, 957.
Registrar-General's estimate of	
(a) Resident population, mid 1939	37, 780.
(b) Average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates	38, 390.
Estimated number of inhabited houses (end of 1939)	11, 500.
Rateable Value.	£242, 222.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£1, 009.

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Live births.	Total.	M.	F.	
Legitimate	618	329	289	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 17.09.
Illegitimate	28	14	14	
Stillbirths	30	14	16	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births. 44.88.
Deaths	405	199	206	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 10.54. Corrected 9.48.

The death rate for England and Wales is 12.1

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-Generals Short List)

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births
No. 29. Puerperal sepsis.	0	0
No. 30. Other Puerperal diseases.	3	4.64
Total.	3	4.64

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :-

All Infants per 1, 000 live births	40.24
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births	40.45
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	35.71

Deaths from Cancer	(all ages)	66
Deaths from Measles	" "	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	" "	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea	(under 2 yrs of age)	3

No causes of sickness or invalidity have been specially noteworthy during the year; no conditions of occupation or environment appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health; and there is no evidence that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of adults.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

G. Habgood, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health (Part-Time).

Sanitary Inspectors.

F.A. Maile, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Chief Sanitary Inspector.
(terminated appointment 16th August, 1939.)

B. Salter, M.S.I.A., Housing Inspector.
(deceased 9th April, 1939).

O.E. Brown, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Additional Sanitary Inspector.
(Appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector 25th September, 1939).

W.B. Prior, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector. (appointed 13th February, 1939: appointed Sanitary Inspector 25th September, 1939).

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Ante-natal Clinics have been provided by the County Council at Totton and Lyndhurst.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres at :-

Brockenhurst	Marchwood
Copythorne	Totton
East Boldre	Hythe
Fawley	Lyndhurst

Consultation only at these centres. They are supported by voluntary contributions, with help from the County Council.

Day Nurseries)	
School Clinics)	
Orthopaedic)	These services are under the
Artificial Light)	control of the County Council.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries - Totton: 77, Rumbridge Street, Totton, provided by the County Council.

Venereal Clinic - Outside the District in Southampton, provided by the County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water.

231 samples were taken during the year, 119 were found to be fit, and 77 unfit.

In 35 instances the supplies were made fit, either by connection to the main water supply, or by improvement to the existing wells.

(2) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Summary of Inspections made.

Nature of Inspection	Number made
Infectious diseases	147
Nuisances	1389
Water Supply	495
Housing	328
Meat at Slaughter-houses	1363
Retail Meat and Food Shops	171
Meat at Cottage Premises	64
Milk & Dairies	388
Milk Samples	20
Factories	96
Moveable Dwellings	213
Shops Act, 1934	147
Refuse Collection	1055
Refuse Disposal	235
Schools	25
Miscellaneous	194
Total	<u>6,330</u>

FACTORIES.

Inspections.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occip'rs Pros's'ctd
Factories with mechanical power	46	2	0
Factories without mechanical power	50	0	0
Total	96	2	0

Defects found.

Particulars.	Number of defects			Defects entailing prosecution
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	9	9	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Convenience :-				
Insufficient	0	0	0	0
Unsuitable or defective	4	3	0	0
Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences	1	1	0	0
Total	14	13	0	0

MILK: DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS:

No of Registered Cowkeepers	310
No of retailers, who are not producers in the District	24
No of "Tuberculin Tested", Producers	13
No of "Accredited", Producers	23

Inspections made

No.	Defects found		Remedied	Defects outstanding.
	From 1938	1939		
388	6	142	138	10

MEAT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No of Inspections to Slaughterhouses, Butchers Shops Etc.,	1,598
No of Animals inspected.	4,026

TABLE OF MEAT CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

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THE PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria.

Age of Child	1 Injection		2 Injection		3 Injection		Material Used
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1 yr. old	-	-	22	17	-	-	A.P.T.
2 - 4	-	-	43	34	-	-	A.P.T.
5 - 14	-	-	44	36	-	-	A.P.T.
TOTAL	-	-	109	87	-	-	

In spite of much propaganda the response is unsatisfactory.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1939.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever.	16	8	0
Diphtheria.	8	8	0
Enteric Fever.	2	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.	7	4	0
Pneumonia.	8	1	7
Erysipelas.	7	1	0
Anterior Poliomyelitis.	1	1	0
TOTAL	49	25	8

TUBERCULOSIS.New cases and Mortality During 1939.

Age periods.	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	5	-	-	1	1	3	-	-
25	3	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
45	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	15	2	-	1	9	5	-	-

I have the honour to be, Ladies
and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. HABGOOD.

Medical Officer of Health.